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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. – 21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended). A D-ring handle for use with emergency vehicles, said D-ring handle comprising:

(a) a D-shaped ring member having a curved leg and a base, said D-shaped ring member having a unitary construction, said leg and said base are integrally attached to one another;

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to said base, with said base of said D-shaped ring member rotatably coupled to a substrate member, such that pressure on said at least one tab moves said D-shaped ring member outward; and,

(c) a foot member including a pair of opposed supports for being hingedly attached to said D-shaped ring member ~~at least substantially centrally along said D-shaped ring member,~~ said foot member configured for rotatably coupling to a substrate member to actuate a latch member, wherein said base includes a block member, integrally attached to said base, said block member includes a hole that passes through said block member, and said foot member includes said pair of opposed supports, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said block member and at least partially through each of said opposed supports to rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to a substrate member.

23. (Cancelled).

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24. (Currently Amended). ~~The D-ring handle of claim 22~~ A D-ring handle for use with emergency vehicles, said D-ring handle comprising:

(a) a D-shaped ring member having a curved leg and a base, said D-shaped ring member having a unitary construction, said leg and said base are integrally attached to one another;

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to said base, with said base of said D-shaped ring member rotatably coupled to a substrate member, such that pressure on said at least one tab moves said D-shaped ring member outward; and,

(c) a foot member including a pair of opposed supports for being hingedly attached to said D-shaped ring member, said foot member configured for rotatably coupling to a substrate member to actuate a latch member, wherein said base includes at least two tube members and said foot member includes said pair of opposed supports, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said tube members and at least partially through each of said opposed supports to rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to a substrate member.

25. (Previously Presented). A D-ring handle for use with emergency vehicles, said D-ring handle comprising:

(a) a D-shaped ring member configured for being hingedly coupled to a faceplate, said D-shaped ring member having a curved leg and a base, said D-shaped ring member having a unitary construction, said leg and base being integrally attached to one another;

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to said base, said D-shaped ring member configured for being rotatably coupled to a faceplate, said at least one tab configured with

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respect to said base such that when pressure is applied thereto, said D-shaped ring member moves outward; and,

(c) a foot member including a pair of opposed supports for receiving a portion of said base member at least substantially centrally along said base member, and configured for rotating relative to a faceplate for actuating a latch member.

26. – 35. (Cancelled).

36. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 23, additionally comprising: a substrate member.

37. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 24, additionally comprising: a substrate member.

38. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 22, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.

39. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 38, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.

40. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 25, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.

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41. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 40, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.

42. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 25, additionally comprising: a faceplate.

43. (Previously Presented). A D-ring handle for use with emergency vehicles, said D-ring handle comprising:

(a) a D-shaped ring member having a curved leg and a base, said D-shaped ring member having a unitary construction, said leg and said base are integrally attached to one another;

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to said base, with said base of said D-shaped ring member rotatably coupled to a substrate member, such that pressure on said at least one tab moves said D-shaped ring member outward;

(c) a foot member including a pair of opposed supports for being hingedly attached to said D-shaped ring member, said foot member configured for rotatably coupling to a substrate member to actuate a latch member;

(d) a block member, integrally attached to said base, said block member including a hole that passes through said block member; and,

(e) said foot member includes said pair of opposed supports, which receive and hold a pin member, which passes through said block member and at least partially through each of said opposed supports to rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to a substrate member.

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44. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 43, additionally comprising: a substrate member.

45. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 43, wherein said base includes a top edge and said at least one tab is connected to said base at said top edge.

46. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 45, wherein said at least one tab includes one tab.

47. (Previously Presented). A D-ring handle for use with emergency vehicles, said D-ring handle comprising:

(a) a D-shaped ring member having a curved leg and a base, said D-shaped ring member having a unitary construction, said leg and said base are integrally attached to one another, and said base includes at least two tube members;

(b) at least one tab integrally connected to said base, with said base of said D-shaped ring member rotatably coupled to a substrate member, such that pressure on said at least one tab moves said D-shaped ring member outward; and,

(c) a foot member including a pair of opposed supports for being hingedly attached to said D-shaped ring member, said pair of opposed supports for receiving and holding a pin member, which passes through said tube members and at least partially through each of said opposed supports to rotatably attach said D-shaped ring member to a substrate member for actuating a latch member.

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48. (Previously Presented). The D-ring handle of claim 47, additionally comprising: a substrate member.